STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE 2 3 In the Matter of Docket No. 13A-046-INS 4 NICKLE, LAURA ANN 5 (Arizona License # 976797) (National Producer # 15979128) 6 FOR HEARING 7 Respondent. 8 9 10 11 12 action, within the meaning of A.R.S. §41-1092.11(B). 13 FINDINGS OF FACT 14 1. 15 Arizona license number 976797, which expires on July 31, 2014. 16 2. 17 18 Chandler, Arizona 85204 (residence). 19 3. 20 21

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ORDER SUMMARILY SUSPENDING **BAIL BOND AGENT LICENSE** AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY

The Arizona Department of Insurance (the "Department") alleges that Laura Ann Nickle has violated provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S."), Title 20. In light of the serious nature of these allegations, the Director of Insurance for the State of Arizona ("Director") finds that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency

- Laura Ann Nickle ("Respondent") is licensed as a resident bail bond agent,
- Respondent's addresses of record are: c/o Better Bail Bonds, 842 E. Isabella Ave., #101, Mesa, Arizona 85204 (business and mailing); 1817 N. Dobson Rd., #2112,
- On August 6, 2012, the insurer holding Respondent's surety bond notified the Department that Respondent's bail agent bond was to be cancelled, effective 30 days after receipt of the notice.

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- 4. On August 17, 2012, the Department notified Respondent that the surety holding Respondent's bond was cancelling the bond effective September 6, 2012.
  - 5. To date, Respondent has failed to replace the cancelled surety bond.
- 6. Therefore, as of September 6, 2012, Respondent has not maintained a bond in favor of this State executed by a surety insurer authorized to do business in this State.
  - 7. The public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction.
- 2. Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of the requirement that each bail bond agent maintain in force while license a bond in favor of this State executed by a surety insurer authorized to do business in this State, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-340.02.
- Grounds exist to order a summary suspension within the meaning of A.R.S. § 3. 41-1092.11(B).

## <u>ORDER</u>

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Respondent's bail bond agent license, Arizona license number 976797, is arily suspended effective immediately.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this <u>Justiness</u> day of <u>Manch</u>, 2013.

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Director of Insurance

## NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Title 20 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, Respondent is hereby notified that Respondent may request a hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-161 to contest the summary suspension. Such request must be in writing and received at the following address within thirty (30) days from the date hereof:

> Arizona Department of Insurance 2910 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 210 Phoenix. Arizona 85018-7269

Upon receipt of a timely written request for hearing, the Director will issue an order setting the time and place of the hearing.

COPY of the foregoing mailed this 29th day of March, 2013, to:

Laura Ann Nickle c/o Better Bail Bonds 842 E. Isabella Ave. Mesa, Arizona 85204 Respondent

Laura Ann Nickle 1817 N. Dobson Rd., #2112 Chandler, Arizona 85204 Respondent

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